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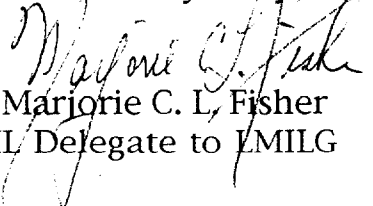
Dear Sir or Madam: Re: Petition to Have Fragrance Misbranded
Docket #99P-1340/CP1

The League of Women Voters supports the public's "Right-to-Know." Specifically, we support this petition to have the Calvin Klein fragrance "Eternity" labeled misbranded. Analysis has shown it to contain toxic ingredients. As part of your function protecting the public, you must insist on a warning label.

Actually, we support warning labels on all fragrances. We know that many people suffer deleterious symptoms from these products. We need warnings to alert the public of dangers.

Samuel S. Epstein, MD, Professor of Environmental Medicine, University of Illinois School of Public Health in Chicago has frequently spoken for the League of Women Voters. In *Safe Shopper's Bible*, which he co-authored, they state: "Fragrances are made up of hundreds of chemicals. . . . Because manufacturers are not required to disclose hazardous chemicals used in manufacturing fragrances, consumers have no way of knowing whether their brands' fragrances contain carcinogens." We are also concerned about the neurological, respiratory and long-term effects of materials used in fragrances and about the effects of mixtures. Since you are unlikely to require the listing of ALL the "hundreds" of ingredients in each fragrance, you need to insist on warnings on every fragrance.

Yours very truly,


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